

HENRY SANFORD.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 593.]

APRIL 6, 1860.

Mr. FENTON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Sanford for a pension, have examined the case, and report :*

That the evidence in this case shows that the said Henry Sanford enlisted in December, 1812, in a company of volunteers commanded by Captain John Commins, and marched to the eastern frontier of the then district of Maine ; that he was frequently on duty during the night time, and through the winter, watching for smugglers.

Near the close of the winter he was taken sick while in the service ; was very sick for about two months, after which he partially recovered so as to occasionally be on duty and attend roll-call, and was discharged at Eastport in December, 1813. It further appears that soon after his return home he was taken down sick again by a disorder in the back and kidneys ; and after about six months he measurably recovered so as to in part attend to his business as a farmer for a time, but for the last twenty years has been entirely prostrated, and for more than sixteen years has been unable to stand upon his feet. These facts are substantiated by the affidavits of two of his fellow-soldiers who were with him in the United States service in 1812 and 1813, and have been well acquainted with him since, now reside near him, and have frequently visited him during his confinement ; and his family physician also testifies that he has frequently visited him professionally during thirty-nine years last past, and that said Sanford has been entirely prostrated, has had a running sore on his back for twenty years, and that he has no doubt his prostration is in consequence of his exposure as aforesaid. Your committee therefore report a bill for his relief, and recommend its passage.

